



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 20, 2022

Sunny Park for Buena Park City Council 2018

Youngsun “Sunny” Park and Joana Barcelona

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 19/738; Sunny Park for Buena Park City Council 2018, Youngsun “Sunny” Park, and Joana Barcelona

Dear Youngsun “Sunny” Park and Joana Barcelona:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to our investigation concerning three complaints in connection with the above referenced case. The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation and determined that Sunny Park for Buena Park City Council 2018 (ID# 1397511) (the “Committee”) failed to provide notice to a potential major donor. Further, the Enforcement Division determined the Committee’s expenditures were reasonably related to a political purpose and were not a prohibited use of campaign funds.

The Act requires candidates and committees that receive contributions of \$5,000 or more from any person shall inform the contributor within two weeks of receipt of the contributions that they may be required to file campaign reports.²

The Committee violated the Act by failing to provide notice to a potential major donor who contributed \$5,000 to the Committee on June 11, 2018. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter because the violation resulted in minimal public harm, the contribution was timely reported, the Committee provided proof of notices sent to two other contributors of \$5,000 or more, the Committee has since terminated, and you and the Committee do not have a prior enforcement history for failing to provide notice to potential major donors.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 84105.

information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an Enforcement Division case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. The Commission has adopted Regulation 18360.1 to authorize the Enforcement Division to issue warning letters to conclude cases in specified circumstances. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If you wish to avail yourselves of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding their obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact me at JRinehart@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 323-6302 (voicemail) with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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